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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1 - 66 without prejudice as to the subject matter recited therein.

Please add the following new claims:

--67. A computer-implemented method for programmatically creating a graphical program, comprising:

creating a first program, wherein the first program specifies creation of a new graphical program, wherein the first program is executable to programmatically create the new graphical program;

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